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Improvement Roads Should Now Follow.

The spring season seems to have arrived after one of the most strenuous winters that is remembered by the oldest inhabitants of southern Nevada. It will now be only the matter of a short time until the progress will be winding back into the hills and this is bound to result in a general revival touching upon the mining industry.

Tourist travel promises to be heavy during the coming summer, and it would be well that the communities of both Nye and Esmeralda counties prepare to accommodate the various outlying districts. This is an essential if we are to profit from the heavy visitors that will undoubtedly stop for a time in the nearest silver camp on the American continent, by reason of the fact that the traveler cannot be induced to make wide trips unless he is guaranteed of good roads.

It is to be hoped that the movement recently started to provide a camping ground in Tonopah for the benefit of tourists may be brought to a speedy consummation. Within another month our visitors will be arriving, but unless they find suitable accommodations they cannot be expected to remain long in our midst.

Mining is coming back into its own at a rapid rate and we must build for the future. Let us repair all roads as quickly as possible and assist the mining industry in every way possible.

There promises to be no little excitement amongst us in several districts of both Nye and Esmeralda counties, but the people of both counties should be willing to meet the men half way who are striving to better conditions generally in southern Nevada. With Hornadiver, Argente and Roydon commanding much attention at the hands of mining men and investors, the outlook is most promising for a revival in this section of the state that promises to be fruitful of results. Therefore let the roads be smoothed out in every direction as quickly as possible that the investor may find no cause to offer complaint from that source.

Maine Always Shows Trend of Politics.

Republicans have been very agreeably surprised and the Democrats severely disappointed by the result of the special election in the third congressional district of Maine. The Democrats expected an enormous slump in the Republican plurality. The Republicans, knowing that the election of 1920 reflected an abnormal situation, were free to admit that there would probably be a very great reduction in the Republican lead. The result, however, shows that both were mistaken. The Republican candidate received 62 per cent of the total vote as compared with 55 per cent in the landslide year of 1920.

Of course, the Democrats, pursuing their usual policy of manipulating figures to deceive the public, will call attention to the fact that the majority of the special election in 1922 is far smaller than the majority at the general election in 1920. They will ignore the fact that the smaller majority was due to the smaller total vote. In every state and in every congressional district there is always a smaller vote in a special election than in a general election where the importance of the contest and the number of offices to be filled draws a larger number of voters to the polls. The only fair way of determining the trend of public opinion is by a comparison of percentages. In this respect the showing is all to the credit of the Republican party.

Some weeks ago it was the effort of the Democratic campaign managers to disseminate the idea that there is wide-spread dissatisfaction with the Harding administration, basing their claim on the attitude of President Harding toward the League of Nations and his refusal to fall in line with the internationalist idea that we should sacrifice American interests in an effort to revive Europe. Their position in this regard became untenable when there was a manifestation of enthusiasm over the results of the limitation of armaments conference. The Democrats then switched to the claim that the country is dissatisfied with the Republican congress and will overturn the Republican majority in the legislative branch of the government at

the first opportunity. The vote in the Maine congressional election shows no intention on the part of the voters to take control of congress out of the hands of the Republican party.

Suspension Assessment Work Considered.

Mining men and owners of claims will watch with interest the outcome of a resolution recently introduced in the United States senate by Senator Stanford of Oregon which provides for the suspension of assessment work until June 30, 1924, or one year hence.

Various mining interests have called attention to the fact that it would be desirable for Congress to again suspend the requirement for performing assessment work on mining claims. Under the present law this assessment work must be performed within the fiscal year beginning July 1, and ending June 30, the following year. Assessment work for 1921-1922 must be performed before June 30, 1922. Due to inactivity in the mining industry and the fact that many mines are closed, it has been pointed out that the requirement to perform assessment work this year will prove a serious hardship. Some months ago, it was indicated that congress would not further suspend the assessment requirement, but appreciating the condition of the mining industry, Senator Stanford, Oregon, has introduced a resolution suspending the assessment work until June 30, 1924.

As to the probable passage of this bill little can be predicted. Each year when such bills have come up before congress there was little known as to what the fate of the bill would be until the last moment. The bill mentioned above has been introduced early enough this time to allow disposing of it one way or the other to avoid the disagreeable features of former years.

Rising Tide of Crime.

Without exaggeration and without undue alarm, there is, in the country, today, a rising tide of crime which verily threatens to engulf the citadels of law and order. Academic discussions as to causes are not turning back this tide, nor would they, however long they might be continued. To quote from an eminent statesman of the past, "It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts the country."

Conditions in many localities are vividly described in the words of State's Attorney Crowe, speaking of the situation in Chicago:

"There is an organized band of criminals in Chicago, well entrenched, a Mafia which considers itself above and beyond the law, which not only laughs in the face of justice, but spits in the face of justice."

This is the spirit that the constituted authorities are fighting. This is the formidable system of lawlessness that menaces public safety. At this critical juncture, the determined cooperation of law-abiding citizens is needed sorely. Organized crime should be fought to the last ditch by organized, honest, moving hand in hand with the law and its machinery. If criminals are well organized, men and women of integrity should be better organized. If criminals are shrewd, honest folk should be shrewder. In other words, good citizenship should declare open warfare, through legal methods, upon crime and should push the war to victory through forcing of "unconditional surrender" of the strongholds of criminality.

Help Ex-Service Men.

Spurred on by the fact that many ex-service men are still jobless, the American Legion has launched a nation-wide 30-day employment drive through its 11,000 posts. Employed veterans everywhere in the United States have volunteered to devote their spare time and money, as well as the use of their automobiles for the big job hunt, in behalf of their less fortunate comrades.

The president's conference on unemployment in Washington, has been asked to cooperate. All the backing it can give, together with the use of its machinery and organization, has been made available. Hanford MacNider, national commander of the legion, will direct the campaign from his headquarters in Indianapolis. "A job for my buddy" is the idea with which every employed veteran will work until April 20.

"There is no way," says Secretary Mellon, "by which the American taxpayer can avoid the burden." The re-

mark was part of a letter to Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee in which the secretary of the treasury discussed the bonus bill. Regardless of what bonus plan may finally be worked out, the people ultimately have got to put up the billions to pay its obligations. That holds true whether the soldiers get their money from bond sales, adjusted service certificates, receipts from the foreign debt, miscellaneous taxes or a sales tax.

Business and industrial improvement is cumulative. The more betterment there is, the more betterment

is brought into prospect. As one line of business or industry becomes more active, other lines of business and industry are stimulated to greater productivity. Let certain basic industries revive, and the whole industrial body vibrates with renewed life.

Democratic campaign managers think the American people have short memories, but they haven't.

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